

Northern Pygmy-owl to enter a woodpecker hole and take out a fully feathered nestling.

Though Mikkola (1970) collected pellets and prey remains from below the nest of European Pygmy-owls in Finland, we did not locate any pellets or prey remains below our Northern Pygmy-owl nest site, nor could we find any further indication in the literature that Northern Pygmy-owls deposit pellets or prey remains below their nests. Apparently the female at our nest deposited pellets and prey remains away from the nest site, and few remains were found in the cavity after the nesting period.

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An Unusual Incident with the Bald Eagle
 (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

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On 20 July 1969, I watched 2 immature Bald Eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) feeding on the east shore of Lake Lebarge, Yukon Territory, Canada (opposite Richthofen Island - 61°10'N, 135°05'W). The eagles were about 350 metres away from me and flushed when I walked towards them to investigate. I saw that the eagles had been feeding on the body of a man lying half submerged in the water. The body was fully clothed, and one trouser leg was ripped and the calf of that leg had been partly eaten.

I notified the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) who collected the body. The RCMP informed me that the man had apparently been killed in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, and had drifted down the Yukon River from there. The body probably had been submerged for about a month before rising and being washed ashore.

I know of no other reports of eagles (as opposed to vultures) eating human flesh.

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